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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Dennis J. O'REAR et al

Application No.: 10/043,345

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: **OLEFIN PRODUCTION FROM LOW
SULFUR HYDROCARBON
FRACTIONS**

) **BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**
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) Group Art Unit: 1621
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) Examiner: Unassigned
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) Confirmation No.: 6720
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- [] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [] Also enclosed is _____.
- [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 - [] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- [] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- [X] No additional claim fee is required.

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[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

[] A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 13 and 17 as follows:

13. (Amended) A process for manufacturing ethylene including a first site and a second site, remote from each other, wherein the first site forms a Fischer-Tropsch naphtha having less than 1 ppm sulfur to be used at the second site, the second site forming the ethylene, the process comprising:

(a) receiving at the second site the Fischer-Tropsch naphtha having less than 1 ppm sulfur, which is made by a method comprising:

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